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FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS KC WOMAN IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was convicted by a federal jury today for her role in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Kalise S. White, 22, of Kansas City, was found guilty of participating in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine, possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine, and maintaining a residence for the purpose of manufacturing, distributing and using crack cocaine at the conclusion of a trial that began Sept. 28, 2004.

Following the presentation of evidence, jurors deliberated less than an hour before returning a guilty verdict to U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning.

White was involved in three undercover operations in September and October 2003 in which a confidential informant purchased crack cocaine, Graves said. At the time of her arrest, law enforcement officers found crack cocaine in her residence.

Under federal statutes, **White** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life imprisonment, plus a fine up to \$5 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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